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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7-8, 2022

Welcome to Cross of Christ

Relax. At Cross of Christ, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed as well as projected on the screens.

Bring the kids. Our congregation enjoys the worshiping family. In fact, our worship often includes a children's message with little ones in mind. That's why children who act up are never viewed as a bother to our worship service. However, parents who want to calm a restless child may do so by walking them in the lobby. Worship screens, speakers and seating areas can be found in the lobby to assist families with their worship.

Don't feel obligated. Our members give offerings to the Lord as an expression of our thanks and praise for his amazing love. Visitors, please know that you are our guests. We're happy you came today to hear about Jesus and his Word. You are not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

Make yourself at home. After our services, we join together in the lobby for coffee and conversation. We'd be honored if you would join us!

Restrooms are located to the left and right of the water fountain in the lobby.

Questions? If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, feel free to speak with one of our pastors after the service. More information is also available online at cocidaho.org.



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Opening Song

“Jesus Lives the Victory’s Won”

Hymn #145:3-4

**Jesus lives! For me he died;
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from him shall sever.
Life nor death nor pow’rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God, who calls us each by name, who restores our souls, who leads us in the way of righteousness, and whose goodness and love never stop pursuing us. This is the God we have come to worship!

Lord, you made me and I am yours. We are all your people, the sheep of your pasture. But foolishly, like a lost sheep, I have so often wandered from your ways, and chosen a selfish path for my life. My sins offend you and deserved your punishment forever. I thank you for sacrificing Jesus for me.

God sent his Son, Jesus, to be the Lamb who took our sins away by his sacrifice on the cross. By his wounds we are healed, for the Lord is good. His unfailing love endures forever. Jesus rose to life again and is now the Shepherd of our souls. The one who has created us, sustains us, and redeems us is the one who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow him. This is our God! Because of all that Jesus has done, you are forgiven.

Amen.

Prayer

Lord, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may know you and follow you.

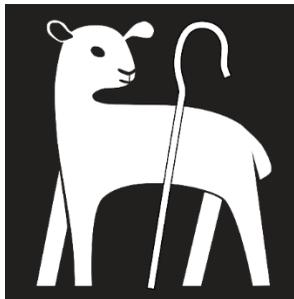
Amen.

God's Word

John 10:22-30

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."



God's Word

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

Song

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

Hymn #432

**I am Jesus’ little lamb;
Ever glad at heart I am,
For my shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my needs
and well provides me,
Loves me ev’ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.**

**Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, he bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.**

**Who so happy as I am,
Even now the shepherd’s lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By his angel hosts attended,
He shall fold me to his breast,
There within his arms to rest.**

Children’s Message

Song

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Hymn #375:1-3

**The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,
My Savior gently leads me;
And where the verdant
pastures grow,
With food celestial feeds me.**

**Confused and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid
And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

Message from God's Word

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Listen with Confidence

Song

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Hymn #375:4-6

**In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
With you, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still,
Your cross before to guide me.**

**You spread a table in my sight,
A banquet here bestowing;
Your oil of welcome, my delight;
My cup is overflowing!**

**And so through all the length of days
Your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
Within your house forever!**

Statement of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church & the Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer follows the prayer spoken by the pastor:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Song

“The Lamb”

On the screens

**The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their Shepherd kill
So still, his will on our behalf the Law to fill.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne!**

**He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong till every heart to him belong.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne!**

Silent Prayer

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

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Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

May 8, 2022

May 8-15	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream) 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) 11:00am – Worship	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am – Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm – Cross Connections 7:00pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
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Current Worship Series: CONFIDENCE

We're currently enjoying a worship series called *Confidence*, which will help us see what a life lived with *confidence in Christ* looks like. We hope you, your family, and your friends can be here for this valuable series!

Confirmation Showcase: This Friday

There's a tradition in the Lutheran church to give youth confirmands an opportunity to show the congregation what they've learned through their last two years of studies and to share what they believe. This also gives the congregation an annual opportunity to review basic Christian truths. Cross of Christ joined in this tradition last year with our first "confirmation showcase." This year's confirmation showcase will be Friday, May 13, 6:30 pm. Come to the gym on the Boise campus to support, encourage, and thank God for this year's youth confirmands!

Calling All Heroes!

From Gotham to Tatooine, and everywhere in between! ComicCon returns to Cross of Christ, Saturday May 21, 9am-1pm, on the Boise campus. Join us for games, trivia, meet and greet with Treasure Valley Avengers, drawing workshop, and a Dungeons and Dragons one-shot (limited attendance), costume contest, and more. Have some comic books or related memorabilia that you don't pay attention to anymore? Donate it to our swapmeet tables and browse for your own fun new finds! Anything from books and puzzles to costumes and gently worn t-shirts!

To RSVP, volunteer, and/or attend a special session (drawing or D&D module), see the signup sheets on the Boise lobby bulletin board or go to tinyurl.com/CrossOfChristComicCon22. Direct questions to Mandy Watkins (210-425-3270 / amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com).

Upcoming Congregational Open Forum

Sunday, May 22, 1:00 pm on the Boise campus (virtual access will be made available to members). All members are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and offer input as we give thanks for the ministry opportunities God has already given us and what hope to see in the future.

Examples of topics at this next meeting: Nampa building update, preschool changes, and budget allocations for the coming fiscal year.

This ministry is your ministry – see you there! Voting members of the congregation are particularly encouraged to attend to participate in the official business decisions needed.

Council Nominations

At the May 22 Open Forum / Quarterly Voters' Meeting (1:00 pm at Boise) we will hold annual elections for open church Council positions.

Incumbent Hans Geary has served his first 3-year term, while Dave Malnes, Jonathan Olsoe, and Lucas Shaw will be vacating their positions. That means four "at large" Council positions are up for election this year.

Our Nominating Committee (Brent Masters, John Harris, Conrad Seibel, and Pastor Hein) met to study God's Word on the topic of "leaders in the church" before prayerfully drafting this year's list of current nominees. The following men have prayerfully considered and accepted their nominations for the "at large" positions: Hans Geary (incumbent), Chris Trull, Seth Tews, and Lee Neujahr.

Per Cross of Christ Bylaws, if a voting member would like to suggest another name for nomination, they must do so by submitting that name to the Nominating Committee prior to the set deadline: Wednesday, May 18. "Nominations shall not be open to the floor at the election meeting." (ByLaws Art. IX, Sec. 4)

Additional names for nomination and/or questions may be directed to Pastor Hein (greg.hein@cocidaho.org) or any member of the Nominating Committee.

Sisters in Christ Spring Fling: Sunday, May 22

Come and spend some quality time with your Sisters in Christ for encouragement, fellowship, and fun! We'll also have the opportunity to reveal our Secret Sisters from this past year. Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

Please RSVP online at tinyurl.com/SICSpringFling22 or on the Boise lobby bulletin board. Contact the church office with any questions (secretary@cocidaho.org) and they'll put you in touch with a Sisters in Christ Leadership Team member.

Who: Any Cross of Christ women (middle school age or older)

Theme: "Encouraging One Another"

Where: Boise Campus

When: Sunday, May 22 2-4 pm

May Is Mental Health Awareness Month

When we pray for help in our emotional or spiritual distress, God's answer may come in the form of a Christian mental health professional who offers Christ-centered counsel. Christian Family Solutions (CFS) is a trusted resource for Christ-centered mental health care. This is an organization affiliated with our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). CFS has 110 mental health professionals on staff who offer outpatient counseling (including virtual options), plus more intensive treatment programs for those with a higher level of need. To learn more or to find helpful mental health resources, visit ChristianFamilySolutions.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Boise: Tuesday, May 31, 9am-3pm in the gym

With vacations, outdoor activities, and school breaks, summer is a challenging time to collect enough blood donations to meet patient needs. The Red Cross asks those who feel healthy to make it a summer full of life by donating blood. Your donation helps ensure blood is available for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions.



So come on in to give the gift that truly keeps on giving! To make an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and under "Find a Blood Drive" enter COCLUTHERAN. Walk-ins are welcome, too!

Vacation Bible School

- Monday-Thursday, July 11-14
- 9am-12pm
- on the Boise campus
- for kids age three through 6th grade

Vacation Bible School at Cross of Christ provides our kids with a fun and exciting opportunity for spiritual growth during the summer. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. Mark your calendars – it's not too early to invite your friends and neighbors!

It's also not too early to volunteer to lead a station, to lead a group of kids around to the different stations, decorate, run the AV for the week, or to assist with any of these needs. Talk to Pastor Snyder with questions (brad.snyder@cocidah.org) and watch for sign-ups soon!

Register for Camp Christos!

Registration is OPEN for Camp Christos. Camp Christos, the summer camp in La Grande, OR, that Cross of Christ is heavily involved in with other churches from Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, will be held the week of August 7-12. The camp is for kids ages 9 through 16.

Volunteers (ages 17 and up) are needed for counselors (in cabins with campers), activity leaders, crafts leaders and helpers, and kitchen help (we'd love to have enough kitchen help that everyone can take just one of three shifts during the day).



Get more information and register as a camper or as a volunteer at tinyurl.com/campchristos.

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$625,449
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$633,957
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$18,009

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	45	20	65
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	21/6		27
Cross Connections	5+8		13
Men's Bible Study	7		7
CrossTrainers	10		10
Growth Groups	19+2+4+6		31
Last Weekend's Worship	56+121+46	53	276
Livestream Views	9		

Serving	May 8		May 15	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Lowry	K. Koepsell, S. Caudill, T. Dodd, S. Spackman, C. Spackman-Whitworth	J. Hein, TBA	K. Koepsell, T. Russow
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	G. Light, A. Becker, E. Christianson	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, J. Meier, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain
Set-Up	Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a	Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a
Ushers	n/a	G. Bafus, B. Adams, B. Turley, S. Turley	J. Harris	B. Adams, Team Geary
Open & Close	Olsoe	G. Light, M. Johnson, H. Geary	Light	M. Brown, L. Shaw, KC Broyles
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	M. Ehlke	n/a	G. Thompson
Lawn Crew	n/a	Team Burke	n/a	R. Dodd, M. Johnson
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Ford, Ashley		Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger	
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Turley		Rule, Hudson, Harris	

Offerings

If you would like to give an offering to support gospel ministry at Cross of Christ, the offering plates are available in the lobby. You can also give online at cocidaho.org/give or contact the church office (secretary@cocidaho.org or 208-375-3992) to schedule a time to drop your offering off during the week.

Our Mission

Cross of Christ congregation exists to joyously proclaim the gospel of free salvation locally and worldwide. Through God's Word and Sacraments, we strive to win lost souls for Christ and nurture believers for lives of Christian service.
